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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: TSUYOSHI SHIBATA ET AL.)
: Application No.: 09/987,530)
: Filed: November 15, 2001)
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)
: PRINTER AND STORAGE)
: MEDIUM)
: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned)
: Group Art Unit: 2176)
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Sir:

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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English-language abstract.

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A copy of the cited Application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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